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**FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT**  
**TOGETHER WITH**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Board of Commissioners  
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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, where applicable of the **New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA)** as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, which collectively comprise **NORA's** basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of **NORA's** management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, where applicable of **NORA** as of December 31, 2004, and respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated June 24, 2005, on our consideration of NORA's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 9 and budgetary comparison information (Exhibits C and D) are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

*Bruno & Tervalon LLP*

**BRUNO & TERVALON LLP**  
**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

June 24, 2005

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**of the CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**

This report offers readers of these financial statements an overview and analysis of the financial activities of the **New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA)** for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. This narrative is designed to assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, identify changes in **NORA's** financial position, identify any material deviations from the approved budget documents, and identify individual fund issues or concerns.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is designed to focus on **NORA's** current year activities, resulting changes and currently known facts.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

**NORA's** assets exceeded its liabilities by \$1,556,124 (net assets) for the fiscal year reported. This compares to the previous year when assets exceed liabilities by \$1,282,099.

**NORA's** total net assets increased by \$274,025 during 2004, primarily as a result of the gain on disposition of inventory and the recognition of revenue earned under the Real Estate Acquisition and Landbanking Mechanism (REALM) program used to purchase and inventory for redevelopment.

As of the close of the current year, **NORA's** governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$299,158, which reflects a decrease of \$338,318 in comparison with the prior year. Of the total fund balances, \$205,365 is designated for current and future projects.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

With the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, **NORA's** presentation of financial statements has been greatly changed. This is the third year that **NORA** has presented the new format. These statements focus on the government as a whole (government-wide) and the major individual funds. Both perspectives (government-wide and major fund) allow the reader to address relevant questions, broaden a basis for comparison (year to year or government to government) and should enhance **NORA's** accountability.

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces **NORA's** basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued**

financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. **NORA** also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements on pages 10 and 11 are designed to be similar to private-sector business. These statements, combine **NORA's** current financial resources with capital assets and long-term obligations.

The Statement of Net Assets on page 10 presents information on all of **NORA's** assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, changes in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of **NORA** is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities on page 11, presents information showing how **NORA's** assets changed during the most recent year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods (i.e. earned but unused vacation leave result in cash flows for future periods). The focus of the Statement of Activities is on both the gross and net cost of various activities, which are provided by **NORA's** grant revenues. This is intended to summarize information and simplify the user's analysis of cost of various governmental services.

The governmental activities reflect **NORA's** basic services including the rehabilitation and/or removal of buildings and other improvements whose physical conditions render them detrimental to the safety and welfare of the public at large, and whose existence directly threatens the physical, social and economic stability of the surrounding neighborhood facilities and jeopardizes the well-being of the entire community. The business-type activities of **NORA** reflect the development of viable urban communities including decent housing and suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income .

These services are financed primarily with grants, proceeds from sales of inventory, and other charges.



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**Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued**

**Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the fund financial statements presentation more familiar. The focus is now on major funds, rather than generic fund types. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on NORA's most significant funds rather than NORA as a whole. Major funds are separately reported while others are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for nonmajor funds is provided in the form of combining statements in a later section of this report.

NORA's funds can be divided into two categories: governmental and proprietary funds:

*Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. NORA's governmental funds on pages 12, 13 and 15 are presented on a sources and uses of liquid resources basis. This is the manner in which the financial plan is typically developed excluding certain timing differences between the budget basis and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating NORA's current financing requirements.

A budgetary comparison statement is included in the basic financial statements for the major governmental funds.

*Proprietary funds* on pages 17 and 18 provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail for the major enterprise funds. Individual fund information for nonmajor enterprise funds is found in the combining statements in a later section of this report.

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The governmental major funds total column requires a reconciliation because of the different measurement focus which is reflected on the page following each statement (see page 14). The reconciliation incorporates long-term obligations and capital assets into the government-wide statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements are a required part of the basic financial statements and can be found on pages 20 through 38 of the accompanying audit report.

**Other Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain supplementary information which can be found on pages 40 through 46 of this report. The supplementary sections are included for additional information and analysis and do not constitute a part of the basic financial statements.

**Financial Analysis of NORA as a Whole**

As year-to-year financial information is accumulated on a consistent basis, changes in net assets may be observed and used to discuss the changing financial position of NORA as a whole.

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS COMPARATIVE DATA**

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$3,929,292	\$3,344,902	\$ 584,390
Capital assets	<u>34,000</u>	<u>34,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total assets	<u>3,963,292</u>	<u>3,378,902</u>	<u>584,390</u>
Current liabilities	2,389,412	2,073,293	316,119
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>17,756</u>	<u>23,510</u>	<u>(5,754)</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>2,407,168</u>	<u>2,096,803</u>	<u>(310,365)</u>
Net Assets:			
Invested in capital assets	34,000	34,000	-0-
Unrestricted	<u>1,522,124</u>	<u>1,248,099</u>	<u>274,025</u>
Net assets	<u>\$1,556,124</u>	<u>\$1,282,099</u>	<u>\$ 274,025</u>

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued**

**NORA's** net assets at year-end are \$1,556,124. Of this amount, \$34,000 represents the amount invested in capital assets with the remaining as unrestricted. This is a \$274,025 increase over last year's net assets of \$1,282,099. **NORA** reported a positive change of \$18,466 in net assets for its governmental activities and a positive change of \$255,559 in its business-type activities. As such, **NORA's** overall financial position improved during 2004.

**NORA's** major sources of program revenue totaled \$1,366,210, which represents grants and subsidies. Of this amount, \$1,366,210 is included in the governmental fund and \$-0- in the proprietary fund. **NORA's** major source of general revenues came as a result of interest income on temporary cash investments.

Program expenses totaled \$2,607,643 of which \$578,907 was spent on salaries and employee benefits, \$611,921 on contractual services. These two (2) areas represent 73% of total expenses.

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES COMPARATIVE DATA**

	<u>TOTAL</u>		
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>
<b>Program Revenues:</b>			
Charges for services	\$ 51,485	\$ 25,676	\$ 25,809
Operating grants and contributions	1,366,210	1,715,575	(349,365)
Capital grants and contributions	252,431	30,551	221,880
Sales of land	<u>1,209,160</u>	<u>158,608</u>	<u>1,050,552</u>
	<u>2,879,286</u>	<u>1,930,410</u>	<u>948,876</u>
<b>General Revenues:</b>			
Interest income	2,382	-0-	2,382
<b>Expenses:</b>			
General expenses	<u>2,607,643</u>	<u>1,439,169</u>	<u>(1,168,474)</u>
Change in net assets	274,025	491,241	(217,216)
Net assets, beginning of year, as restated	<u>1,282,099</u>	<u>790,858</u>	<u>491,241</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$1,556,124</u>	<u>\$1,282,099</u>	<u>\$ 274,025</u>

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued**

**Financial Analysis of NORA's Funds**

**Governmental Funds:** As discussed, the focus of NORA's governmental funds are to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing NORA's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of NORA's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

As of the end of the current year, NORA's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$299,158, a decrease of \$338,318 in comparison with the prior year. The fund balances are reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed to the liquidation of contracts and purchase orders.

**Major Governmental Funds:** The general fund is the chief operating fund of NORA. At December 31, 2004, designated and undesignated fund balances of the general fund was \$299,158, while total fund balance was \$299,158. (See NOTE 7 of notes to the financial statements).

The Blighted Properties Administrative/NHIF fund receives funding under contract with the City of New Orleans to provide for rehabilitation, clearance and redevelopment of slums and blighted areas in the City of New Orleans. The fund balance always reflects a zero balance as this fund operates on a cost-reimbursement basis.

**Proprietary Funds:** The focus of NORA's proprietary funds are to provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

**Major Proprietary Funds:** Unrestricted net assets at the end of the year amounted to \$1,228,010, an increase of \$593,877 in comparison with the prior year.

Shelter Plus Care reflects no change in net assets in comparison with prior year.

The Real Estate Acquisition and Land Banking Mechanism reported an increase in net assets of \$255,559 reflecting its continued financial performance.

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued**

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The general fund budget for the fiscal year 2004, was \$1.35 million. This was a decrease of \$150,000 over the previous year's final budget.

**Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

At December 31, 2004, **NORA** had \$34,000 invested in capital assets consisting principally of land. See page 31 for detail composition of capital assets.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates**

**NORA's** 2004 budget has been submitted and is currently awaiting approval by the appropriate officials of the City of New Orleans.

**Requests for Information**

This report is designed to provide a general overview of **NORA's** finances for all those that are interested in **NORA's** finances. Any questions concerning any of the enclosed information in this report and/or requests for additional information should be addressed to Executive Director, New Orleans Redevelopment Authority, 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 1152, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112.

## **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**ASSETS**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Assets:			
Cash and temporary cash investments (NOTE 4)	\$ 752,185	\$ 52	\$ 752,237
Amounts receivable, net (NOTE 20)	115,604	-0-	115,604
Grants receivable (NOTE 8)	1,319,948	-0-	1,319,948
Accrued interest receivable	-0-	14	14
Advance	40,000	-0-	40,000
Prepaid Acquisition Costs	-0-	139,502	139,502
Prepaid items	22,789	-0-	22,789
Unimproved land and structures (NOTE 6)	-0-	894,097	894,097
Due from other funds	<u>-0-</u>	<u>645,101</u>	<u>645,101</u>
Total current assets	<u>2,250,526</u>	<u>1,678,766</u>	<u>3,929,292</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets (NOTE 5)	<u>34,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>34,000</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>34,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>34,000</u>
Total assets	<u>2,284,526</u>	<u>1,678,766</u>	<u>3,963,292</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Current liabilities:			
Amounts payable (NOTE 16)	660,304	756	661,060
Acquisition costs payable	71,260	-0-	71,260
Amounts payable - HUD	205,665	-0-	205,665
Salaries and related payroll taxes payable	17,470	-0-	17,470
Line of credit (NOTE 14)	-0-	450,000	450,000
Deferred revenues (NOTE 17)	78,715	-0-	78,715
Due to other funds	645,101	-0-	645,101
Due to primary government	251,827	-0-	251,827
Compensated absences payable	<u>8,314</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>8,314</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>1,938,656</u>	<u>450,756</u>	<u>2,389,412</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Compensated absences payable (NOTE 15)	<u>17,756</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>17,756</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>17,756</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>17,756</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,956,412</u>	<u>450,756</u>	<u>2,407,168</u>
Net Assets:			
Invested in capital assets	34,000	-0-	34,000
Unrestricted	<u>294,114</u>	<u>1,228,010</u>	<u>1,522,124</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 328,114</u>	<u>\$1,228,010</u>	<u>\$1,556,124</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

Functions	PROGRAM REVENUES			NET (EXPENSE) REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Grants and Subsidies	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities
Governmental Activities:						
Blighted Properties Removal Program	\$1,340,067	\$ 38,585	\$1,319,948	\$ -0-	\$ 18,466	\$ -0-
Neighborhood Housing Investment Fund	<u>313,975</u>	<u>12,900</u>	<u>46,262</u>	<u>252,431</u>	<u>(2,382)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$1,654,042</u>	<u>\$ 51,485</u>	<u>\$1,366,210</u>	<u>\$ 252,431</u>	<u>16,084</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Business-type Activities:						
Real Estate Acquisition and Land Banking Mechanism	<u>\$ 953,601</u>	<u>\$1,209,160</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 255,559</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>\$ 953,601</u>	<u>\$1,209,160</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>255,559</u>
General Revenue:						
Interest income					<u>2,382</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total general revenue					<u>2,382</u>	<u>2,382</u>
Change in net assets					<u>18,466</u>	<u>255,559</u>
Net assets, beginning of year, as restated					<u>309,648</u>	<u>972,451</u>
Net assets, end of year					<u>\$ 328,114</u>	<u>\$1,228,010</u>
						<u>\$1,556,124</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



## **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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**ASSETS**

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Blighted Properties Administrative/ NHIF Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and temporary cash investments	\$ -0-	\$ 752,185	\$ 752,185
Amounts receivable, net	57,102	58,502	115,604
Advance	40,000	-0-	40,000
Prepaid items	-0-	1,764	1,764
Grants receivable	-0-	1,319,948	1,319,948
Due from other funds	<u>2,502,871</u>	<u>1,923,596</u>	<u>4,426,467</u>
Total assets	<u>\$2,599,973</u>	<u>\$4,055,995</u>	<u>\$6,655,968</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS, CONTINUED**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

	<b><u>GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u></b>		
	<b><u>General</u></b>	<b>Blighted Properties Administrative/ NHIF <u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Amounts payable	\$ 247,163	\$ 413,141	\$ 660,304
Acquisition payable	-0-	71,260	71,260
Advances - City of New Orleans	9,981	-0-	9,981
Due to other funds	1,659,452	3,412,116	5,071,568
Amounts payable - HUD	205,665	-0-	205,665
Salaries and payroll taxes payable	-0-	17,470	17,470
Deferred revenues	-0-	78,715	78,715
Due to City of New Orleans	<u>178,554</u>	<u>63,293</u>	<u>241,847</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>2,300,815</u></b>	<b><u>4,055,995</u></b>	<b><u>6,356,810</u></b>
<b>Fund balances:</b>			
Unreserved	93,793	-0-	93,793
Reserved	<u>205,365</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>205,365</u>
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b><u>299,158</u></b>	<b><u>-0-</u></b>	<b><u>299,158</u></b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b><u>\$2,599,973</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,055,995</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,655,968</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE GOVERNMENTAL**  
**FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS OF THE**  
**GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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Amounts reported for governmental funds in  
statement of net assets are different because:

Total fund balances--governmental funds	\$299,158
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	34,000
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds	(26,069)
Governmental activities report certain outlays as expenditures in the Statement of Net Assets, these costs are capitalized and amortized over the periods benefitting from such costs	<u>21,025</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	<u><u>\$328,114</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES--GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Blighted</u>	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Properties</u>	
		<u>Administrative/</u>	
		<u>NHIF</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Fund</u>	
Revenues:			
Grants and subsidies - City of New Orleans	\$ -0-	\$1,319,948	\$1,319,948
Grants and subsidies - Other	-0-	46,262	46,262
Administrative Fees	-0-	192,486	192,486
Interest income	-0-	2,382	2,382
Other income	-0-	63,485	63,485
Total revenues	-0-	1,624,563	1,624,563
Expenditures:			
Salaries and employee benefits	-0-	578,907	578,907
Repairs and maintenance	-0-	8,689	8,689
Contractual services	-0-	611,921	611,921
Land Acquisitions	-0-	314,200	314,200
Equipment and property	-0-	1,512	1,512
Supplies	-0-	8,730	8,730
Telephone	-0-	12,141	12,141
Automobile expenses	-0-	37,175	37,175
Postage and printing	-0-	6,110	6,110
Insurance	-0-	30,981	30,981
Interest expense	-0-	52,708	52,708
Other	-0-	9,434	9,434
Total expenditures	-0-	1,672,508	1,672,508
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures before other financing sources (uses)	-0-	(47,945)	(47,945)
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfer in	-0-	47,945	47,945
Total other financing sources (uses)	-0-	47,945	47,945
Net change in fund balances	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fund balances, beginning of year	299,158	338,318	637,476
Adjustment to beginning fund balances	-0-	(338,318)	(338,318)
Fund balances, beginning of year, as restated	299,158	-0-	299,158
Fund balances, end of year	\$299,158	\$ -0-	\$ 299,158

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances	\$ -0-
Certain expenses reported in the Statement of Activities that do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds	(2,559)
Governmental activities report certain outlays as expenditures; in the Statement of Net Assets, these costs are capitalized and amortized over the periods benefitting from such costs	<u>21,025</u>
Change in net assets	<u>\$18,466</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS--PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**ASSETS**

	<u>Business-type Activities--Enterprise Funds</u>		
	<u>Shelter Plus</u>	<u>Real Estate Acquisition and Land Banking Mechanism</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Cash and temporary cash investments	\$ 52	\$ -0-	\$ 52
Accrued interest receivable	14	-0-	14
Prepaid Acquisition Costs	-0-	139,502	139,502
Due from other funds	<u>16,237</u>	<u>1,253,863</u>	<u>1,270,100</u>
Total current assets	<u>16,303</u>	<u>1,393,365</u>	<u>1,409,668</u>
<b>Noncurrent Assets:</b>			
Unimproved Land & Structures	<u>-0-</u>	<u>894,097</u>	<u>894,097</u>
Total noncurrent assets			
Total assets	<u>16,303</u>	<u>2,287,462</u>	<u>2,303,765</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

<b>Current Liabilities:</b>			
Amounts payable	756	-0-	756
Due to other funds	3,046	621,953	624,999
Line of credit	<u>-0-</u>	<u>450,000</u>	<u>450,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>3,802</u>	<u>1,071,953</u>	<u>1,075,755</u>
<b>Net assets:</b>			
Unrestricted net assets	<u>12,501</u>	<u>1,215,509</u>	<u>1,228,010</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$16,303</u>	<u>\$2,287,462</u>	<u>\$2,303,765</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND NET ASSETS-PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	<u>Business-type Activities—Enterprise Funds</u>		
	<u>Shelter Plus Care</u>	<u>Real Estate Acquisition and Land Banking Mechanism</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating Revenues:			
Sales of inventory	\$ <u>-0-</u>	<u>\$1,209,160</u>	<u>\$1,209,160</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,209,160</u>	<u>1,209,160</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Cost of inventory	<u>-0-</u>	<u>905,656</u>	<u>905,656</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>-0-</u>	<u>905,656</u>	<u>905,656</u>
Operating income	<u>-0-</u>	<u>303,504</u>	<u>303,504</u>
Income (loss) before transfer	-0-	303,504	303,504
Transfer out	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(47,945)</u>	<u>(47,945)</u>
Change in net assets	<u>-0-</u>	<u>255,559</u>	<u>255,559</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	12,501	621,632	634,133
Adjustment to beginning net assets	<u>-0-</u>	<u>338,318</u>	<u>338,318</u>
Net assets, beginning of year, as restated	<u>12,501</u>	<u>959,950</u>	<u>972,451</u>
Total net assets, end of year	<u>\$12,501</u>	<u>\$1,215,509</u>	<u>\$1,228,010</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS--PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Receipts from Louisiana Department of Economic Development	\$ 16,850
Payments to supplies	(320,401)
Sales of inventory	894,466
Payments to other programs	(661,970)
Adjustments to beginning net assets	<u>338,318</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>267,263</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Payment on line of credit	<u>(300,000)</u>
Cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(300,000)</u>
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Support to other programs	<u>(47,945)</u>
Net cash used in noncapital financing activities	<u>(47,945)</u>
Net increase in cash and temporary cash investments	(80,682)
Cash, beginning of year	<u>80,734</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 52</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash used in operating activities:	
Operating income	\$ 303,504
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in prepaid acquisition cost	(139,502)
Decrease in inventory	590,962
Increase in due from other funds	(661,970)
Decrease in grant receivable	16,850
Decrease in deferred revenues	(180,899)
Adjustment to beginning net assets	<u>338,318</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 267,263</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE 1 - Background and General Data:**

**Background**

The **New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA)** exists under the authority contained in Act No. 170, as amended, as passed by the Louisiana Legislature in 1968. **NORA** was formulated as a program by the City of New Orleans for the utilization of appropriate private and public resources to eliminate and prevent the development or spread of slums; to provide decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for families of low income; to allow the creation and organization of a community improvement agency; to allow the rehabilitation, clearance and redevelopment of slums and blighted areas in the City of New Orleans in accordance with community improvement plans or projects approved by the governing body of the City of New Orleans; to define the duties, liabilities, exemptions, authority and functions of such community improvement agency, including the acquisition of property by negotiation, gift or expropriation, the disposition of property by sale or lease, the issuance of bonds, borrowing of money and giving of security therefore and to allow bonds issued to be legal investments for banks and fiduciaries; to provide for notice and hearing; to authorize entering into agreements to secure Federal aid; to authorize public bodies to furnish funds, services, facilities and property in aid of community improvement projects and related activities hereunder; and to provide that securities issued and properties while held by the **New Orleans Redevelopment Authority** shall be exempt from taxation.

On July 7, 1994, the Louisiana Legislature passed Act No. 65 which amended Act No. 170 that created the **New Orleans Redevelopment Authority**. Act No. 65 effectively changed the name of the Community Improvement Agency to **New Orleans Redevelopment Authority**. In addition, the Board of Commissioners also adopted a resolution approving the name change.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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NOTE 1 - Background and General Data, Continued:

General

As of December 31, 2004, **NORA** was primarily engaged in the following programs:

- Blighted Property Removal Program
- Shelter Plus Care Program
- Real Estate Acquisition and Land Building Mechanism (REALM)

**New Orleans Redevelopment Authority** provides housing assistance payments on behalf of eligible families leasing safe, decent, and sanitary units from the owners of the property. In addition, **NORA** provides technical assistance under a contract with the City of New Orleans to provide rehabilitation and/or demolition and removal of buildings and other improvements whose physical conditions render them detrimental to the safety and welfare of the public at large.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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NOTE 1 - Background and General Data, Continued:

General, Continued

A brief description of each program follows:

- Blighted Property Removal Program

The Blighted Property Removal Program is designed to provide for the rehabilitation and/or demolition and removal of buildings and other improvements whose physical conditions render them detrimental to the safety and welfare of the public at large, and whose existence directly threatens the physical, social and economic stability of the surrounding neighborhood facilities and jeopardizes the well-being of the entire community.

The program provides for technical assistance and/or financial assistance for rehabilitation, as may be available, to the existing property owner. The program is administered by **NORA** under contract with the City of New Orleans.

- Shelter Plus Care Program

The Shelter Plus Care Program is designed to develop viable urban communities including decent housing and suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. The program's fiscal aspect is administered by **NORA** under contract with the City of New Orleans.

- Real Estate Acquisition and Land Banking Mechanism

The REALM program is designed to provide a mechanism for the rehabilitation and/or demolition and removal of buildings and other improvements through acquisition and disposition of property to allow for a greater impact on blight and community redevelopment.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

**General Fund**

The general fund is used by **NORA** to account for all financial activities or resources that are not budgeted for in other funds.

**Financial Reporting Entity**

**NORA** exist under the Authority contained in Act No. 170, as amended, as passed by the Louisiana Legislature in 1968 and subsequently amended by Act No. 65, passed in 1994. **NORA** has the power to sue and be sued, and make rules and regulations for its own government consistent with the laws of the State of Louisiana and the City of New Orleans.

Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, "*The Financial Reporting Entity*" established standards for defining and reporting on the financial entity. GASB 14 indicates that the focal point for identifying the financial reporting entity is the primary government, which is considered to be any state government or general purpose local government or a special-purpose government that meets all of the following criteria: a) has a separately elected governing body; b) is legally separate; and c) is fiscally independent of other state and local governments.

**NORA** was established as a separate, legal entity with a governing board which is separate and independent of any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by GASB 14. Accordingly, management has concluded that **NORA** is a financial reporting entity within the meaning of the provisions of GASB 14.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued**

**Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimated.

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of **NORA**. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

**NORA's** statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who use or directly benefit from services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items are properly included among program revenues or reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental and proprietary funds.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued**

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements, Continued**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period.

**NORA** reports the following major governmental funds:

*The General Fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

*The Blighted Properties Administrative/NHIF Program* is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes regarding the rehabilitation and/or demolition and removal of blight in the City of New Orleans.

**NORA** reports the following major proprietary funds:

*The Shelter Plus Care Program* accounts for the activities of **NORA** in providing housing assistance payments on behalf of eligible families leasing from owners of property.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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NOTE 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements, Continued

*The Real Estate Acquisition and Land Banking Mechanism Program* accounts for activities related to the rehabilitation and/or demolition and removal of buildings and other improvements through acquisition and disposition of property.

Private sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989 generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for services or privileges provided; 2) operating grants and contributions; and 3) capital grants and contributions.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a propriety fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of **NORA**'s enterprise fund are charges to customers for services and sales of inventory of land. Operating expenses include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

**NORA** adopted the provisions of GASB 33 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-Exchange Transactions* effective for fiscal years that began after June 15, 2000.



**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued:**

Under GASB 33 Standards, **NORA** recognizes assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures under its government-mandated and voluntary non-exchange transactions as follows:

- **NORA** recognizes assets and liabilities when all applicable eligibility requirements are met or resources received, whichever is first;
- Revenue and expenses are recognized when all applicable eligibility requirements are met; and
- Transactions with time requirements, resources received prior to the satisfaction of the time requirement(s), are recorded by **NORA** as deferred revenue upon award.

**Statement of Cash flows**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the proprietary fund type considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of ninety (90) days or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets include land and equipment and are recorded at cost when the individual cost exceeds \$500. When no historical records are available, land and equipment are valued at estimated historical cost. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, any resulting gain or loss is reflected in income for the period. In addition, costs associated with certain property acquired with CDBG funds received from the City of New Orleans are reflected as program costs to the respective programs. The property inventory is accounted for by the City of New Orleans.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued:**

**Capital Assets, Continued**

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of an asset or materially extend the asset's life are not included in or capitalized in the proprietary fund. Equipment in the governmental activities of **NORA** is recorded at cost.

Capital assets are depreciated in the governmental activities of **NORA** using the straight-line method over a five (5) year estimated useful life. At December 31, 2004, equipment in the proprietary fund in an amount of \$26,455 is fully depreciated.

**Inventory**

Inventory is recorded at cost and represent cost incurred in the acquisition of blighted properties. Gain or loss resulting from the sale of the related properties is reflected in income in the period of sale.

**Compensated Absences**

**NORA** follows Louisiana Civil Service regulations for accumulated annual and sick leave. Under those regulations, employees may accumulate up to three hundred (300) hours of annual leave which may be received upon termination or retirement. Sick leave hours accumulate, but the employee is not paid for them if not used by his/her retirement or termination date.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued**

**Compensated Absences, Continued**

The cost of current leave privileges computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60, is recognized as a current-year expenditure in the governmental funds when leave is actually taken or when employees (or heirs) are paid for accrued leave upon retirement or death. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements.

**Budgetary Data**

**NORA** does not formally adopt or utilize a budget for its General Fund. Budgetary data for its Blighted Properties Administrative program is submitted to and approved annually by the applicable funding sources of **NORA**.

Because the budgets in the Special Revenue Funds are prepared on an accrual basis, no differences in budget basis and GAAP basis occur for those funds.

**Prepaid Items**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the government-wide financial statements.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 3 - Post-retirement Benefits:**

**NORA** provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. Substantially all of **NORA's** employees become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for **NORA**. These benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are provided through a private insurer, whose monthly premiums are paid jointly by the employee and **NORA**. **NORA** recognizes the cost of providing these benefits (**NORA's** portion of premiums) as an expenditure when the monthly healthcare and life insurance benefit premiums are due. In 2004, **NORA's** portion of benefit premiums totaled \$14,052.

**NOTE 4 - Cash:**

At December 31, 2004, the carrying amount of **NORA's** cash deposits was \$752,237 and the cumulative collected bank balance was \$978,412. The cumulative collected bank balance is covered by federal depository insurance. Custodial credit risk, is the risk that in the event of a failure by the financial institution, **NORA's** deposits may not be returned to it. **NORA** has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk; however, at December 31, 2004, none of **NORA's** bank balances were exposed to custodial risk. Under state laws, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of such pledged securities and federal deposit insurance must equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held by the fiscal agent bank in the name of **NORA**.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 5 - Capital Assets:**

At December 31, 2004, capital assets consisted of the following:

	Balance January 1, <u>2004</u>	Balance December 31, <u>2004</u>
Land	\$34,000	\$34,000
Equipment	<u>26,455</u>	<u>26,455</u>
	<u>60,455</u>	<u>60,455</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(26,455)</u>	<u>(26,455)</u>
Total	<u>\$34,000</u>	<u>\$34,000</u>

**NOTE 6 - Unimproved Land and Structures:**

At December 31, 2004, **NORA's** unimproved land and structures consist of costs associated in the acquisition of property by expropriation and held for resale in accordance with **NORA's** efforts to rehabilitate, clear, and redevelop slum and blighted areas.

**NOTE 7 - Reserved Fund Balance:**

The reserved fund balance represents residual funds from completed projects. The fund primarily consists of deposits on land for Project A-2; retainage for contract work; relocation funds; and annual leave accrued for employees under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act. At December 31, 2004, no final determination has been made regarding the disposition of the funds.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 8 - Grants Receivable:**

At December 31, 2004, grants receivable consists of \$1,319,948 due from the City of New Orleans to reimburse **NORA** for cost incurred on behalf of the Blighted Properties Administrative Program.

**NOTE 9 - Leases:**

**NORA** leases vehicles and equipment under operating leases. Total cost of such leases was \$23,424 for the year ended December 31, 2004. The future minimum lease payments for leases for the next four (4) years are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2005	\$24,733
2006	7,720
2007	7,720
2008	<u>1,908</u>
Total	<u>\$42,081</u>

**NOTE 10 - Retirement System:**

**Plan Description**

**NORA** participates in a single-employer qualified defined benefit pension and retirement plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code operated by the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS). Membership in LASERS is mandatory for all State employees whose agency is a LASERS participant except those excluded by law.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 10 - Retirement System, Continued**

**Plan Description, Continued**

LASERS is a public trust fund created by Act of Louisiana Legislature in 1946 to provide retirement allowances and other benefits to State officers and employees and their beneficiaries.

**Plan Funding**

Funding for the system comes from these sources: employee's contribution which is currently 7.5% of earned compensation, employer's contribution which is currently 17.80%, and earnings from investments. For the year ended December 31, 2004, **NORA's** pension cost was \$74,857.

Information on the plan can be obtained at the following address:

Louisiana State Employees Retirement System  
8401 United Plaza Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4213  
Telephone: (800) 256-3000  
FAX: (225) 922-0614  
Website: [lasers.state.la.us](http://lasers.state.la.us)

Most recent historical trend information showing the plans progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the plan's annual financial report. This report is subject to an audit by independent auditors who issue separate reports thereon.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 10 - Retirement System, Continued:**

The following summarizes selected information on the entire LASERS plan:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending</u>	<u>Annual Pension Cost (APC) (Value at Midyear)</u>	<u>Percentage of APC Contributed</u>	<u>Net Pension Obligation</u>
2002	<u>\$281,791,317</u>	<u>96.3</u>	<u>\$ 2,047,670</u>
2003	<u>\$328,772,738</u>	<u>94.1</u>	<u>\$21,225,164</u>
2004	<u>\$364,930,168</u>	<u>96.1</u>	<u>\$35,367,487</u>

In accordance with GASB No.27, the components of the annual pension cost and net pension obligation to LASERS at midyear are as follows:

Actuarial required contribution	\$ 367,881,226
Interest on net pension obligation	1,751,076
Adjustment to annual required contribution	<u>(4,702,134)</u>
Annual pension cost-interest adjusted to end of year	364,930,168
Contributions made	<u>(350,787,845)</u>
Increase in net pension obligation	14,142,323
Net pension obligation, beginning of year	<u>21,225,164</u>
Net pension obligation, end of year	<u>\$ 35,367,487</u>



**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 11 - Risk Management:**

**NORA** is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets for which **NORA** carries commercial insurance. Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

**NOTE 12 - Concentration of Credit Risk:**

**NORA** receives primarily all of its revenues from the City of New Orleans as a pass-through grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. If the amount of revenues received from the City of New Orleans falls below contract levels, **NORA's** operating results could be adversely affected.

**NOTE 13 - Commitments and Contingencies:**

**NORA** is named in various suits involving expropriation of properties. It is counsel's opinion at December 31, 2004, and as of June 24, 2005 of a favorable outcome or counsel is unable to determine outcome.

**Funding**

**NORA** is the recipient of a \$100,000 grant from the State of Louisiana Department of Economic Development to conduct an assessment of properties within a specific area, to conduct a feasibility study on acquiring a property for development, obtaining an architectural design and conducting Phase I calls for redevelopment of a multipurpose facility in connection with the Hoffman Triangle Project.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 14 - Line of Credit:**

Line of credit consists of an outstanding balance at December 31, 2004, of \$450,000 on a revolving line of credit totaling \$750,000 effective November 3, 2003 and maturing on March 2, 2005. The interest rate on the line of credit is 7%. Payment terms amount to twelve (12) months interest only payments with the principal to be paid at maturity.

**NOTE 15 - Changes in Compensated Absences:**

<u>Balance at</u> <u>January 1, 2004</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Balance at</u> <u>December 31, 2004</u>
<u>\$23,510</u>	<u>\$(5,754)</u>	<u>\$17,756</u>

**NOTE 16 - Amounts Payable:**

At December 31, 2004, amounts payable consisted of the following:

Vendors	\$644,734
Interest payable	15,550
Other	<u>776</u>
Total	<u>\$661,060</u>

**NOTE 17 - Deferred Revenues:**

At December 31, 2004, deferred revenues consist of grant proceeds received by **NORA** from the Louisiana Treasurer's Office (Act 19) for technical services schedule for 2005.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**NOTE 18 - Related Party:**

One of **NORA's** commissioners also holds an executive position with a City of New Orleans agency that directly approves and funds **NORA's** Blighted Properties Removal Program.

**NOTE 19 - Per Diem for Board of Commissioners:**

During the year ended December 31, 2004, no board member received per diem in his/her capacity as a Commissioner.

**NOTE 20- Amounts Receivable, Net**

At December 31, 2004 amounts receivable consisted of the following:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Blighted Properties Administrative/ NHIF Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
City of New Orleans	\$54,680	\$22,790	\$ 77,470
Other	<u>2,422</u>	<u>35,712</u>	<u>38,134</u>
	<u>\$57,102</u>	<u>\$58,502</u>	<u>\$115,604</u>

**NOTE 21 - Adjustment to Beginning Net Assets:**

Adjustment to beginning net assets is to properly state the effect of activities in the enterprise fund incorrectly recorded to the governmental fund in 2003.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
ON  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

To the Board of Commissioners  
**New Orleans Redevelopment Authority**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Our report on our audit of the financial statements of the **New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA)** appears on page 1. That audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule I) is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by *U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-profit Organizations"* and is not a required part of the financial statements. The information in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The supplementary information (Exhibits A and B) which are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, has been subjected to the procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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June 24, 2005

**EXHIBIT A**

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET--GENERAL FUND  
DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
Advance	\$ 40,000	\$ -0-	\$ 40,000
Amounts receivable	57,102	-0-	57,102
Due from other funds	<u>1,787,383</u>	<u>715,488</u>	<u>2,502,871</u>
Total assets	<u>\$1,884,485</u>	<u>\$715,488</u>	<u>\$2,599,973</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u></b>			
Liabilities:			
Amounts payable	\$ 13,190	\$233,973	\$ 247,163
Advances--City of New Orleans	9,783	-0-	9,783
Amounts payable - HUD	205,665	-0-	205,665
Due to other funds	1,311,972	347,678	1,659,650
Due to City of New Orleans	<u>44,717</u>	<u>133,837</u>	<u>178,554</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,585,327</u>	<u>715,488</u>	<u>2,300,815</u>
<b><u>Fund balances</u></b>			
Unreserved	93,793	-0-	93,793
Reserved	<u>205,365</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>205,365</u>
Total fund balances	<u>299,158</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>299,158</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$1,884,485</u>	<u>\$715,488</u>	<u>\$2,599,973</u>

See Independent Auditors' Report on Supplementary Information.

**EXHIBIT B**

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE--GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
Total revenues	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Total expenditures	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Net change in fund balance	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>299,158</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>299,158</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$299,158</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$299,158</u>

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**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE--GENERAL FUND--  
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues</u>			
Total revenues	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Total expenditures	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Net change in fund balance	-0-	-0-	\$ <u>-0-</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>87,185</u>	<u>299,158</u>	
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$87,185</u>	<u>\$299,158</u>	

See Independent Auditors' Report and Supplemental Information.



**EXHIBIT D**

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE--**  
**BUDGETED AND ACTUAL**  
**BLIGHTED PROPERTIES ADMINISTRATIVE FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Favorable</u>
				<u>(Unfavorable)</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
Grants	\$1,320,000	\$1,320,000	\$1,319,948	\$(52)
Other income	<u>30,000</u>	<u>38,585</u>	<u>38,585</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,350,000</u>	<u>1,358,585</u>	<u>1,358,533</u>	<u>(52)</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Salaries and employee benefits	621,322	578,462	578,410	52
Repairs and maintenance	5,000	7,994	7,994	-0-
Contractual services	294,678	341,005	341,005	-0-
Equipment and property	305,000	301,512	301,512	-0-
Supplies	12,280	11,299	11,299	-0-
Telephone	6,288	7,310	7,310	-0-
Rent	16,882	19,069	19,069	-0-
Postage and printing	3,400	6,110	6,110	-0-
Insurance	40,500	30,811	30,811	-0-
Interest expense	40,000	52,708	52,708	-0-
Other	<u>4,650</u>	<u>2,305</u>	<u>2,305</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,350,000</u>	<u>1,358,585</u>	<u>1,358,533</u>	<u>52</u>
Net change in fund balance	-0-	-0-	-0-	<u>\$-0-</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>	

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**SCHEDULE I**

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

<u>Program Grantor/Title</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Grantor Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:			
Pass Through CDBG Funds as Subgrantee of the City of New Orleans:			
Blighted Properties Removal Program	*14.218	N/A	<u>\$1,319,948</u>
Total passed through funds			<u>1,319,948</u>
Total			<u>\$1,319,948</u>

\*-Denotes Major Program as defined by OMB Circular A-133

**NOTE: Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes all Federal activity of **NORA** and is presented on a modified accrual basis of accounting. The information on this schedule is presented in accordance with other requirements of OMB Circular A-133 "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

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PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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Board of Commissioners  
**New Orleans Redevelopment Authority**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the **New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA)** as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America.

**Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether **NORA's** financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE  
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**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered NORA's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted an instance of noncompliance which we have reported to management of NORA in a separate letter dated June 24, 2005.

*This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Commissioners, NORA's management, the Legislative Auditor for the State of Louisiana, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of New Orleans and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.*

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE  
WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR  
PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Board of Commissioners  
**New Orleans Redevelopment Authority**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

**Compliance**

We have audited the compliance of **New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA)** with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2004. **NORA's** major federal program is identified in the Summary of Auditors' Results section of the accompanying Summary Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of **NORA's** management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on **NORA's** compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance

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WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR  
PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133  
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with the types of compliance requirements previously referred to that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about **NORA's** compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on **NORA's** compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, **NORA** complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2004.

**Internal Control Over Compliance**

The management of **NORA** is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered **NORA's** internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on the internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE  
WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR  
PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133  
(CONTINUED)

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving internal control over compliance and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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**Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results**

***Financial Statements***

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unqualified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	No
• Reportable condition (s) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

***Federal Awards***

Internal Control Over Major Programs:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	No
• Reportable condition(s) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	None Reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unqualified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 510(a) of Circular A-133?	No



**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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**Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results, Continued**

***Federal Awards, Continued***

Identification of Major Programs:

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
14.218	Blighted Properties Removal Program (CDBG)
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$300,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	No

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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**Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

There were no financial statement findings reported for the year ended December 31, 2004.

**Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

There were no federal award findings and questioned costs reported for the year ended December 31, 2004.

NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

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**Section IV - Status of Prior Year' Findings and Questioned Costs**

**Reference Number**

2003-01

**Condition**

At December 31, 2003, **NORA** had a loan agreement with New Orleans Community Development Organization totaling \$750,000. Our review also revealed that **NORA** has not obtained written approval from the bond commission.

**Current Status**

Resolved. On March 17, 2005, the State Bond Commission approved **NORA's** application to enter into a revolving line of credit.

NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

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**Section IV - Status of Prior Year' Findings and Questioned Costs, Continued**

**Reference Number**

2002-02

**Condition**

Our review of NORA's monthly reporting requirements revealed the following conditions:

- Unreconciled difference between number of properties available for purchase and blighted properties list as disbursed to public; and
- Unreconciled differences noted between amounts reported on December 2002 monthly reports and supporting documentation for the following:
  - Number of properties expropriated;
  - Number of properties sold; and
  - Number of cases received.

**Current Status**

Resolved.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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**Section IV - Status of Prior Year' Findings and Questioned Costs, Continued**

**Reference Numbers**

98-3 and 97-1

**Condition**

**NORA** currently maintains a primary operating account through which a significant amount of its receipts and disbursements are handled. Furthermore, because **NORA** is on a cost reimbursement basis with its funding source, a significant amount of transactions undertaken by **NORA** results in the recordation of interfund activities in anticipation of reimbursement.

The process results in interfund advances not being reimbursed by the borrowing fund on a timely basis nor are interfund activities reconciled on a monthly basis.

**Current Status**

Management continues to work with its funding source to ensure the timely reimbursement of cost. In addition, **NORA** continues to explore other sources of funding and/or financing of its operations.

**NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

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**Section IV - Status of Prior Year' Findings and Questioned Costs, Continued**

**Reference Numbers**

2002-01 and 97-3

**Condition**

The operation of **NORA's** internal control over financial reporting exhibited the following conditions:

- Subsidiary ledgers for significant general ledger accounts such as, acquisition deposits, unimproved land inventory, interfund, and sales are not maintained and/or reconciled to the applicable general ledger control accounts; and
- Untimely and inaccurate recordation of financial transactions.

**Current Status**

Resolved. We reviewed certain specified general ledger accounts (acquisition deposits, unimproved land inventory, interfund and sales) reconciliations prepared by the staff of **NORA**. Our review revealed reconciliations between the subsidiary and their respective general ledger control accounts (for the acquisition deposits, unimproved land inventory, interfund and sales) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004.

## **NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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### **EXIT CONFERENCE**

An exit conference was held with a representative of **NORA**. The contents of this report were discussed and management indicated their concurrence in all material respects. The following were in attendance:

### **NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Lisa Mazique	--	Executive Director
Natashia Garrett	--	Senior Accountant

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Victor Robinson	--	Senior



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' COMMENTS TO MANAGEMENT**

Ms. Lisa Mazique Executive Director  
**New Orleans Redevelopment Authority**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the **New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA)**, we considered **NORA's** internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

As a part of our audit, we discussed with management, the current status of prior years' management comments. We previously reported on **NORA's** internal control in our report dated June 24, 2005. This letter does not affect our report dated June 24, 2005, on **NORA's** internal control or its financial statements.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' COMMENTS TO MANAGEMENT**  
**(CONTINUED)**

The following summarizes the status of prior years' comments and suggestions:

***PRIOR YEARS' COMMENTS***

**Condition**

The operation of NORA's internal control over financial reporting exhibited the following conditions:

- Timely and accurate reconciliation of all significant subsidiary ledgers to their related general ledger accounts;
- Untimely review and approval of bank reconciliations by NORA's management;
- Properly accounting for vendor checks processed, which have not been released for payment and are currently listed in the uncleared checks section of the bank reconciliation; and
- No preparation and submission of monthly financial statements to management and the Board of Commissioners.

**Current Status**

Partially resolved. Management continues to work toward ensuring the timely and periodic submission of financial statements to its Board of Commissioners. Anticipated completion date is September 30, 2005.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' COMMENTS TO MANAGEMENT**  
**(CONTINUED)**

***PRIOR YEARS' COMMENTS, CONTINUED***

**Condition**

Considering the size of NORA, the important elements of internal control and segregation of duties cannot always be achieved to insure adequate protection and safeguarding of NORA's assets.

**Current Status**

Management continues to provide the necessary level of oversight in all key internal control areas.

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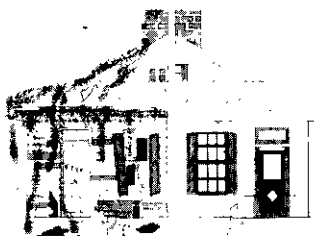
As always, we appreciate the courtesies extended to us by you and your staff during our audit. Should you have any questions and/or require further detail, please do not hesitate to call.

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# NORA

New Orleans Redevelopment Authority

Reclaiming Our Past...Building Our Future

July 8, 2005

Bruno & Tervalon LLP  
Certified Public Accountants  
4298 Elysian Fields Avenue  
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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is the corrective action plan developed to include the current status prepared by New Orleans Redevelopment Authority in response to audit findings and management letter comments in connection with the audit as of for the year ended December 31, 2004. The plan includes, where applicable, the corrective action plan and anticipated completion date.

In all findings attached, Ms. Lisa Mazique is the contact person.

If any further information is required, do not hesitate to contact me at (504) 658-4271.

Sincerely,

Lisa Mazique  
Executive Director

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Enclosures



NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, CONTINUED  
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The process results in interfund advances not being reimbursed by the borrowing fund on a timely basis nor are interfund activities reconciled on a monthly basis.

**Current Status**

Management continues to work with its funding source to ensure the timely reimbursement of cost. In addition, **NORA** continues to explore other sources of funding and/or financing of its operations.

NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

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**Reference Numbers**

2002-01 and 97-3

**Condition**

The operation of NORA's internal control over financial reporting exhibited the following conditions:

- Subsidiary ledgers for significant general ledger accounts such as, acquisition deposits, unimproved land inventory, interfund, and sales are not maintained and/or reconciled to the applicable general ledger control accounts; and
- Untimely and inaccurate recordation of financial transactions.

**Current Status**

Resolved. We reviewed certain specified general ledger accounts (acquisition deposits, unimproved land inventory, interfund and sales) reconciliations prepared by the staff of NORA. Our review revealed reconciliations between the subsidiary and their respective general ledger control accounts (for the acquisition deposits, unimproved land inventory, interfund and sales) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004.

NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' COMMENTS TO MANAGEMENT

*PRIOR YEARS' COMMENTS*

Condition

The operation of NORA's internal control over financial reporting exhibited the following conditions:

- Timely and accurate reconciliation of all significant subsidiary ledgers to their related general ledger accounts;
- Untimely review and approval of bank reconciliations by NORA's management;
- Properly accounting for vendor checks processed, which have not been released for payment and are currently listed in the uncleared checks section of the bank reconciliation; and
- No preparation and submission of monthly financial statements to management and the Board of Commissioners.

Current Status

Partially resolved. Management continues to work toward ensuring the timely and periodic submission of financial statements to its Board of Commissioners. Anticipated completion date is September 30, 2005.

Condition

Considering the size of NORA, the important elements of internal control and segregation of duties cannot always be achieved to insure adequate protection and safeguarding of NORA's assets.

Current Status

Management continues to provide the necessary level of oversight in all key internal control areas.